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Office Action Summary

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| Application No. 08/994,758 | Applicant(s) NISHI |
| Examiner Alan Mathews | Group Art Unit 2851 |



May 11, 2000 and May 22, 2000 and June 22, 2000.

Responsive to communication(s) filed on May 11, 2000 and May 22, 2000 and June 22, 2000.

This action is **FINAL**.

Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11; 453 O.G. 213.

A shortened statutory period for response to this action is set to expire 1 month(s), or thirty days, whichever is longer, from the mailing date of this communication. Failure to respond within the period for response will cause the application to become abandoned. (35 U.S.C. § 133). Extensions of time may be obtained under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Disposition of Claims

Claim(s) 1-187 is/are pending in the application.

Of the above, claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.

Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

Claim(s) _____ are subject to *a multiplicity* or *restriction or election* requirement.

Claims 1-187

Application Papers

See the attached Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948.

The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are objected to by the Examiner.

The proposed drawing correction, filed on _____ is approved disapproved.

The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).

All Some* None of the CERTIFIED copies of the priority documents have been received.

received in Application No. (Series Code/Serial Number) _____.

received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

*Certified copies not received: _____

Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).

Attachment(s)

Notice of References Cited, PTO-892

Information Disclosure Statement(s), PTO-1449, Paper No(s). _____

Interview Summary, PTO-413

Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948

Notice of Informal Patent Application, PTO-152

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Art Unit: 2851

DETAILED ACTION

1. Claim 1-187 are rejected under 37 U.S.C. §1.75(b) and M.P.E.P 2173.05(n) as being unduly multiplied. The claims, as written, are redundant. In view of the excessive number of claims which differ only in minor wording, the applicant shall be limited to a total of 125 claims, with 25 being independent, to hereinafter describe the invention.

Examination of this application is deferred until applicant selects a number of claims in accordance with the above requirement.

2 Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Examiner Alan Mathews at telephone number (703) 308-1706. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM Eastern Time.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Russ, Adams, can be reach on (703) 308-2847. The fax phone number for this Group is (703) 305-34[31,32]. Any inquiry of a general nature or related to the status of this application should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0956.

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September 5, 2000



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